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For: **DISC CASSETTE DELIDDER AND FEEDER SYSTEM FOR DATA STORAGE DEVICES**, the specification of which is being transmitted herewith.

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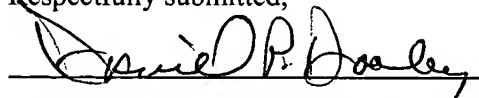
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